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SUBJECT: TEXT OF DENKTASH PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING JAN 27
MEETING WITH MAKARIOS

SUMMARY: IN UPBEAT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH
MAKARIOS, DENKTASH INDICATED HIS SATISFACTION AT POSITIVE
START AND ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERITY. HE INDICATED INTER-COMMUNAL
NEGOTIATORS COULD RESUME MEETING IN FEBRUARY. HE ALSO HINTED
THAT HE AND MAKARIOS MIGHT HAVE SECOND MEETING BEFORE NEGO-
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TIATIONS RESUME AND THAT SYG WALDHEIM MIGHT BE COMING TO CYPRUS
IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AVOIDING DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS COVERED
IN TODAY'S MEETING, DENKTASH SUGGESTED THAT TRANSITIONAL
GOVERNMENT WAS DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY

BEGIN TEST (EMBASSY TRANSLATION)

DENKTASH REPLIES TO QUESTIONS ON HIS MEETING WITH MAKARIOS

JANUARY 27, 1100 HOURS.

THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT LENGTH AND WITH GREAT CANDOR. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US SYG DE CUELLAR WAS ALSO PRESENT. AS REGARDS THE RESULT I DO NOT THINK ANY MORE COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED FROM THIS FIRST MEETING. THE OBJECT WAS TO HAVE AN INITIAL CONTACT AND TRY TO FIND OUT WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERITY. THIS TEST HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND IN MY OPINION THE NEGOTIATORS WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN THEIR TALKS. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE REPORTED TO MR. WALDHEIM. NEW DEVELOPMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

QUESTION: HAS A DATE BEEN FIXED FOR A MEETING BETWEEN THE TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES?

ANSWER: STARTING THE TALKS MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BUT WILL BE POSSIBLE IN FEBRUARY.

QUESTION: HAS ANY FRAMEWORK BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THE TALKS?

ANSWER: I CANNOT SAY THAT A FRAMEWORK HAS BEEN DRAWN UP. WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS NECESSARY TO DRAW UP A FRAMEWORK WAS ANOTHER QUESTION, OF COURSE. I AM OF THE OPINION THAT AN ATMOSPHERE FOR THE START OF THE TALKS EXISTS.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL YOUR SECOND CONTACT BE?

ANSWER: WE WILL SEE WHEN IT TAKES PLACE.

QUESTION: THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE WAS INSISTING ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM THE TURK CYPRIOT SIDE, ESPECIALLY ON THE LAND ISSUE AND STARTING THE TALKS. WOULD YOU GIVE SUCH PROPOSALS FOR SITTING AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE OR HAS THIS COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF A NEW SITUATION?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NOT GIVEN SUCH PROPOSALS. WE SAID WE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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READY TO TAKE UP EVERYTHING AND THAT EVERYTHING NEEDED TO BE DISCUSSED. WE STRESSED THAT IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO TURN BACK TIME. AS A RESULT THIS MEETING CAME ABOUT.

QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY ATTEMPT TO SET UP SUB-COMMITTEES?

ANSWER: SUB-COMMITTEES COULD BE SET UP, SUBJECT TO THE NEGOTIATORS, WHEN NECESSARY. WE DID NOT HAVE ANY DISCUSSION ON THAT ISSUE TODAY.

QUESTION: IN WHAT CAPACITY WOULD YOU HOLD TALKS? AS COMMUNITY LEADERS OR HEADS OF STATE?

ANSWER: I THINK WE TALKED AS COMMUNITY LEADERS, BECAUSE HAD WE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY DISCUSSIONS AS REGARDS OUR TITLES (POSITIONS), IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR US TO COME TOGETHER.

QUESTION: DID YOU DISCUSS THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ISSUE?

ANSWER: THIS ISSUE WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE. THERE IS NO DEVELOPMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY UNDERSTANDING AS REGARDS A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT?

ANSWER: NO, ONE CANNOT SAY AN UNDERSTANDING HAS BEEN REACHED. THE NATURE OF THE MEETING WAS NOT TO TRY TO COME TO AN UNDER-

STANDING. THE OBJECT WAS TO FIND OUT WHETHER IT WAS POSSIBLE
TO HOLD TALKS AND WHETHER THERE IS GOODWILL FOR TALKS AND
ANY WILLINGNESS ON BOTH SIDES TO ACHIEVE RESULTS. THE OBJECT
WAS TO DETERMINE ALL THIS. I THINK THE REPLY IS IN THE
AFFIRMATIVE. WE CAN HAVE TALKS AND BOTH SIDES ARE DESIROUS OF A
POSITIVE RESULT. BOTH SIDES COULD BE SAID TO DESIRE PEACE.
QUESTION: WHICH AREAS WILL BE COVERED BY THE FRAMEWORK WHICH
YOU WILL BE GIVING TO THE NEGOTIATORS?
ANSWER: IT WILL COVER THE BASIC ISSUES OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.
THAT IS TO SAY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL SYSTEM AND TERRITORY.

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QUESTION: AFTER THIS MEETING DO YOU STILL MAINTAIN YOUR VIEW
THAT IN RESPECT TO TERRITORY ONLY BORDER CORRECTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
?

ANSWER: IF WE START DISCUSSING SUCH ISSUES IN THE PRESS THE
NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE OF NO USE. FOR THIS REASON PERMIT US TO KEEP

A FEW THINGS TO OURSELVES.

QUESTION: CAN YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE GENERALLY SATISFIED WITH
THE RESULT OF THE TALKS?

ANSWER: I AM PLEASED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE.
I HAVE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT THE RESULT. THE OBJECT WAS NOT TO
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SOLVE EVERYTHING WITH THE FIRST HANDSHAKE; IT WAS NOT TO SOLVE
EVERY PROBLEM. THE INTENTION WAS TO MAKE A START AND A START
HAS BEEN MADE IN A POSITIVE WAY AND IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF
SINCERITY. I HOPE THAT BOTH COMMUNITIES WILL PUT THIS FIRST
CONTACT INTO POSITIVE USE. IN OUR OPINION THE TALKS WILL
CONTINUE. I THINK A REPORT WILL BE SENT TO THE UN SYG
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE SYG WILL BE VISITING OUR AREA IN THE
COMING DAYS. HE MIGHT COME HERE IF NEEDED.

QUESTION: HAS A DATE BEEN SET FOR YOUR NEXT MEETING?

ANSWER: NO DATE HAS BEEN SET BUT A NEW MEETING CANNOT BE
RULED OUT IN THE NEAR FUTURE --- BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE
NEGOTIATORS. END TEXT
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